

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. USSR

a. In his lengthy speech yesterday, Khrushchev displayed no sense of urgency on Berlin, and implied that domestic problems would be given priority in the period immediately ahead.

b. He warned against a more demanding Western posture--advocates of a "tough" policy should not assume that the USSR will retreat on other issues.

c. He will "firmly adhere" to his agreement with the President on Cuba as long as the US carries out its pledges. However, he warned the USSR will "take such actions as would be required in the circumstances" if the US does not respect its commitments.

d. He did not refer specifically to US overflights of Cuba or to Soviet intentions regarding the remaining Soviet forces in Cuba.

e. His attack on China was so thinly veiled that it cannot but increase the momentum of the Sino-Soviet dispute.

2. Cuba

a. Monday's photography of two of the Soviet armored unit encampments showed that construction of barracks is continuing at one of them-- there were six more buildings than were seen on 2 December. There was still much equipment at both sites.

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3. North Korea

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4. Borneo

a. Most of the rebels have been cleared out of the coastal towns [redacted]

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5. Congo

a. Gullion thinks Adoula is a bit encouraged by recent UN actions, but that his position is basically no better.

b. The elusive Tshombé, meanwhile, may have plans to slip off stage for a while. [redacted]

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C. Angola The Portuguese tell us they expect an attack on northeast Angola from within the Congo to begin on 24 December. They fear it will be timed to coincide with UN operations against Katanga.

D. Syria-Israel UN truce personnel on Tuesday got a Syrian promise not to fire on Israeli farmers in the area of last week's incident and may yet succeed in deflecting a new incident. Both sides, however, remain suspicious and are fairly well cranked up for military retaliations.

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F. Venezuela The Communist party central committee has decided on another series of terrorist actions in Caracas beginning this week.

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